

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following after paragraph [0031] of the application as originally published:

[0031A] FIG. 5 is a the distal most tip of the dissecting port of the present invention at a 45° angle and in an operative, dissecting configuration.

Please amend paragraphs [0032] to [0043] as originally published as follows:

[0032] ~~FIG. 6~~ ~~FIG.-5~~ is a perspective view of the distal end of the dissecting port of the present invention constructed in accordance with another preferred embodiment and assuming a neutral, closed configuration;

[0033] ~~FIG. 7~~ ~~FIG.-6~~ is a cross-sectional view taken along the line [[6-6]] of FIG. ~~6~~ [[5]];

[0034] ~~FIG. 8~~ ~~FIG.-7~~ is a perspective view of the distal tip of the dissecting port of the present invention constructed in accordance with another preferred embodiment, the distal tip being shown assuming a neutral, closed configuration;

[0035] ~~FIG. 9~~ ~~FIG.-8~~ is a cross-sectional view taken along the line [[8-8]] of FIG. ~~8~~ [[7]], the distal tip being utilized to gain access into the body cavity of a patient;

[0036] ~~FIG. 10~~ ~~FIG.-9~~ is the cross-sectional view of FIG. ~~8~~ [[7]] wherein the distal tip is shown assuming an operative, dissecting configuration;

[0037] ~~FIG. 11~~ ~~FIG.-10~~ is a cross-sectional view of a direct vision port site dissector constructed in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention as utilized to gain entry into a body cavity, vessel, or organ of a patient, the port dissector further having included therein an endoscope, or other viewing device to enable entry into the body cavity to be viewed by a physician;

[0038] ~~FIG. 12~~ ~~FIG.-11~~ is a perspective view taken along line ~~12-12~~ ~~11-11~~ of FIG. ~~11~~ [[10]];

[0039] ~~FIG. 13~~ ~~FIG.-12~~ is a cross-sectional view of an endoscopic port being positioned to gain access to a body cavity, vessel, or organ of a patient via the direct vision port site dissector of the present invention, the latter being withdrawn therefrom;

[0040] FIG. 14 ~~FIG. 43~~ is a view of the dissector tip taken along the line 14-14 ~~43-43~~ of FIG. 13 ~~[[12]]~~:

[0041] FIG. 15 ~~FIG. 44~~ is a side-view of a dissector tip of the direct vision port site dissector of the present invention, constructed in accordance with a preferred embodiment, shown in a second operative position;

[0042] FIG. 16 ~~FIG. 45~~ is a side view of the dissector tip of FIG. 15 ~~[[14]]~~ shown in a first neutral position;

[0043] FIG. 17 ~~FIG. 46~~ is a frontal view taken along line 17-17 ~~46-46~~ of FIG. 16 ~~[[15]]~~.